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## OVERSHOE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN T. UNANGST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Braddock, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overshoe-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved form of overshoe-holder by means of which a rubber overshoe may be held in place and prevented from slipping when used in muddy roads or the like.

The invention consists of a pair of arms secured to opposite sides of the overshoe adjacent to its rear end and pivoted to each other, one of said arms having rack-teeth thereon, a spring-actuated pawl on the other of said arms adapted to engage said teeth, and means for holding said pawl out of engagement with said teeth.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an overshoe with my improved holder or clamp applied. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the holder or clamp detached, showing the locking mechanism in operative position in full lines and in inoperative position in dotted lines.

Like reference-numerals indicate like parts in the different views.

The overshoe 1 is made of rubber or other like yielding material and has secured to the sides thereof, at its rear end and adjacent to its upper edge, the spring-arms 2 3, constituting the operative members of my clamp. The rear ends of said arms are pivoted one to the other, as shown at 4, and the arm 3 is provided with a series of rack-teeth 5. The other arm, 2, has pivoted to it a pawl or dog 6, whose rear end is engaged by a spring 7, also secured to the arm 2 and adapted to hold the opposite ends of the pawl or dog in operative engagement with the teeth 5. Pivoted

to the pawl 6 is a bail 8, which serves when moved in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawings to hold the pawl 6 against the pressure of its actuating-spring 7 out of engagement with the teeth 5. In the other position of said bail, as shown in full lines in Fig. 2, it will be seen that the engaging portion of the pawl 6 lies in contact with the teeth 5.

It is my purpose to secure the fastening device or holder above described to the overshoe 1 in the course of the manufacture of the latter, so that there will be no danger of the same slipping from the overshoe and so that it may be made to present a neat appearance thereon.

Under ordinary circumstances it will not be necessary to have the clamp or holder in operative position. At such times the bail 8 is turned to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawings, when the overshoe may be applied, worn, and removed in the ordinary manner. When, however, it is intended to use the overshoe in muddy roads or in other places where there is danger of the same being drawn from the foot, the two clamping-arms 2 and 3 are forced together at their forward free ends, the bail 8 is turned to the position shown in full lines in Fig. 2, and said clamp is held in close contact with the foot or shoe of the wearer by engagement of the pawl 6 with the teeth 5 without danger of the same slipping from their adjusted positions. When so adjusted, the overshoe will be held firmly in place.

Having now described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A holding device for overshoes, consisting of a pair of arms secured to opposite sides of the overshoe adjacent to its rear end, and pivoted to each other, one of said arms having rack-teeth thereon, a spring-actuated pawl on the other of said arms adapted to engage said teeth, and means for holding said pawl out of engagement with said teeth when desired, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A holding device for overshoes consisting of a pair of arms secured to opposite sides of the overshoe adjacent to its rear end and pivoted to each other, one of said arms having rack-teeth thereon, a spring-actuated  
5 pawl on the other of said arms adapted to engage said teeth, and a pivoted bail on said pawl for holding the latter out of engagement

with said teeth when desired, as and for the purpose set forth. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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